

Flathead County Fair Commission
May 19, 2009

Special Fair Commission meeting on, on-line fair ticketing.

The Flathead County Fair Commission met in session May 19, 2009 Members present were Chairman Butch Woolard, Vice Chairman Terry Fosbery, Commission members, Ted Dykstra, Susan Munsinger, Paul Atkinson, Manager Jay Scott and Office manager Christina Williams.

Chairman Woolard called the special meeting on on-line tickets to order at 6:00 PM.

Dykstra reported on a meeting with Louie Krutch that was held at the Treasurers office with Scott, Atkinson, the IT department and the Treasurers office in attendance. Louie said there is a \$1.50 per ticket fee sold on-line. There would be a \$.25 per ticket fee sold at the fair office; comp tickets would have a charge of \$.25 each after 10% of tickets are gone.

The Merchant account has a fee of \$.10 per transaction no matter who we use along with \$20.00 per month and a one time fee of \$99.00. The county has a 3% convenience fee for all tickets sold by using a credit card. There are some equipment fees to be added to this cost.

Discussion was held on the costs and on pricing of tickets. Dykstra feels there are some hard feelings between Louie Krutch and the county offices as to the markup and the pricing. The Treasurer doesn't feel they received the same answer twice and are hesitant to deal with Louie on this ticketing program at this time.

Atkinson thinks we should move ahead on the ticket selling as we have done in the past and work on the on-line tickets sales for next year.

At the meeting with the Treasurer office the company named Snow Dog came up several times. Atkinson thinks we should talk with them as they are involved with the county at this time and that might be an easy fit to get into the on-line ticket selling. Munsinger move to not have on-line tickets for the 2009 fair but to have the next fair commission meeting on June 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. We will start to get everything in place to sell 2010 tickets by November 2009 at the next meeting.

As for the motion to not have on-line ticket sales the vote was; Munsinger and Atkinson [yes] postpone on-line for this year. Dykstra and Fosbery [No] do have on-line this year. Woolard voted to wait until next year he passed the tie breaking vote. Fosbery felt we should wait also except he feels we spent so much time on this project that is why he voted to continue.

With the full commission voting the ticket sale for the 2009 fair will be done the same as last year with the feeling that we will be on line by November of this year selling tickets for next years fair.

Woolard asked Scott to have Snow Dog at the June 9th meeting.
Dykstra asked if Scott could have a list of concert people at the next meeting also.

Scott reported to the commission that the county attorney said that all ticket sales and money handling needs to be done in a secure area.

Atkinson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Munsinger second

Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Chairman

Secretary/Manager